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SUBJECT: TURKISH CHROMITE ORE

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF REFTELS WITH ATTILA AYBAY,
GENERAL DIRECTOR OF ETIBANK, ON MAY 2.

2. AYBAY CHECKED WITH DIRECTOR OF SALES AT ETIBANK AND
CONFIRMED THAT ETIBANK DOES NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE REFRACTORY
GRADE CHROMITE ORE FOR SALE AT PRESENT TIME. EMBOFF WILL
ALSO CHECK WITH PRIVATE SECTOR TO DETERMINE POTENTIAL OF
REFRACTORY GRADE CHROMITE PRODUCTION.

3. IN TERMS OF EXPANDING PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF METALLURGICAL
ORE, AYBAY REMAINS OPTIMISTIC THAT ETIBANK WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL
10,000 TONS AVAILABLE FOR 1975 WITH FURTHER EXPANSION PLANNED
FOR 1976. ETIBANK'S NEW KAFDAGI MINE AND CONCENTRATOR (NEAR
ELAZIG) IS SCHEDULED TO START TRIAL PRODUCTION IN AUGUST 1975.
TARGET PRODUCTION OF THIS MINE IS 124,000 TONS PER ANNUM OF
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48 PERCENT CR2O3. (ORIGINAL ORE IN AREA IS 30-33 PERCENT

CR203.) AYBAY MENTIONED START-UP PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED AT THIS MINE AND, HENCE, DOES NOT BELIEVE MUCH OF KAFDAGI PRODUCTION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT UNTIL 1976.

4. ETIBANK IS ALSO INTERESTED IN EXPANDING ITS SALES IN FERRO-CHROMIUM. ETIBANK IS PRESENTLY BUILDING A 50,000-TON FERRO-CHROMIUM PLANT AT ELAZIG UNDER A JAPANESE CREDIT. THIS PLANT IS SCHEDULED TO START PRODUCTION IN 1977, AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IS ALREADY BEING GIVEN TO EXPAND PRODUCTION.

5. AYBAY HOPED THAT DEPARTMENT AND TURKISH EMB WOULD CONTINUE CONTACTS SINCE HE CONSIDERS EXPANSION OF TURKISH CHROMITE ORE AND FERRO-CHROME EXPORTS TO THE U.S. IS IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES.
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